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Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims below replaces all prior versions and listings of claims.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1 -20 (Canceled)

Claim 21 (New): A method for transmitting a text message including an attachment thereto in a radio-communication system comprising:
 associating, at a first terminal having a phone number associated with the radio-communication system, a text message with an attachment, the text message being addressed to a second terminal having a phone number associated with the radio-communication system, the addressing being based on the phone number of the second terminal;
 sending the attachment to a server;
 adding, at the first terminal, information to the text message that identifies the server;
 transmitting the text message to the second terminal's phone number based address;
 transmitting, by the second terminal, a message to the server identified in the text message, the message requesting the attachment; and
 receiving, at the second terminal, the attachment from the server.

Claim 22 (New): The method of claim 21, wherein the method is reciprocal such that the method can also be carried out for attachments sent by the second terminal to the server and received at the first terminal from the server.

Claim 23 (New): The method of claim 21, wherein said attachment is at least one of an image file and an audio file.

Claim 24 (New): The method of claim 21, wherein transmitting the text message and receiving the attachment are performed using wireless access protocol (WAP).

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Claim 25 (New): The method of claim 21, wherein associating the text message comprises:
including, in the message, a file type associated with said attachment.

Claim 26 (New): The method of claim 21, wherein the second terminal is a computer terminal.

Claim 27 (New): The method of claim 21, wherein the second terminal is a cellular telephone.

Claim 28 (New): The method of claim 21, wherein the text message is a short message service (SMS) message.

Claim 29 (New): A radio-communication system for transmitting a text message including an attachment thereto, the radio-communication system comprising:

means for associating, at a first terminal having a phone number associated with the radio-communication system, a text message with an attachment, the text message being addressed to a second terminal having a phone number associated with the radio-communication system, the addressing being based on the phone number of the second terminal;

means for sending the attachment to a server;

means for adding, at the first terminal, information to the text message that identifies the server;

means for transmitting the text message to the second terminal's phone number based address;

means for transmitting, by the second terminal, a message to the server identified in the text message, the message requesting the attachment; and

means for receiving, at the second terminal, the attachment from the server.

Claim 30 (New): The system of claim 30, wherein the system further comprises:

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means for associating, at the second terminal having a phone number associated with the radio-communication system, a text message with an attachment, the text message being addressed to the first terminal having a phone number associated with the radio-communication system, the addressing being based on the phone number of the first terminal;

means for sending the attachment to a server;

means for adding, at the second terminal, information to the text message that identifies the server;

means for transmitting the text message to the first terminal's phone number based address;

means for transmitting, by the first terminal, a message to the server identified in the text message, the message requesting the attachment; and

means for receiving, at the first terminal, the attachment from the server.

Claim 31 (New): The system of claim 29, wherein the attachment is at least one of an image file and an audio file.

Claim 32 (New): The system of claim 29, wherein the means for transmitting a message and for receiving the attachment employ wireless access protocol (WAP).

Claim 33 (New): The system of claim 29, wherein the means for associating the text message further comprises:

means for including, in the message, a file type associated with the attachment.

Claim 34 (New): The system of claim 29, wherein the means for receiving the attachment includes a computer terminal.

Claim 35 (New): The system of claim 29, wherein the means for receiving the attachment includes a cellular telephone.

Claim 36 (New): The system of claim 29, wherein the text message is a short message service (SMS) message.

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Claim 37 (New): A mobile station comprising:
a processor for associating a text message with an attachment, the text message being addressed to a receiving terminal having a phone number associated with it, the addressing being based on the phone number of the receiving terminal, and for adding information to the text message that identifies a server; and
a transceiver for sending the attachment to a server and for transmitting the text message to the receiving terminal's phone number based address.

Claim 38 (New): The mobile station of claim 37, comprising a memory wherein the server identifying information is stored.

Claim 39 (New): The mobile station of claim 37, wherein the server identifying information is a uniform resource locator (URL).

Claim 40 (New): The mobile station of claim 37, further comprising:
means for querying a user of the mobile station regarding whether the attachment is to be transmitted with the text message1.